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**RESPONSE**

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Examiner Rutkowski:

In response to the Office Action of May 13, 2009, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims:**

1-16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) A method for determining the topology of modules in a modular analytical system comprising:

- a) contacting several modules with a central unit, which store data wherein each module stores module identification information in a memory, and with a central unit, wherein at least two modules are connected in series,
- b) transmitting the stored data module identification information of the modules that are directly or indirectly contacted with the central unit to the central unit,
- c) interrupting a contact of a module to the central unit upon receiving a command from the central unit,